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Dear Josh,

A pity that we didn't get a chance to talk when you were last in but M conveyed how busy they were keeping you -- and happily -- that you were enjoying it.

Your packet of materials was much appreciated. Krebs always has a nose for the sorts of things I'm interested in -- though I wish he hadn't embellished this piece with the Kuhnian "normal and revolutionary science" paraphernalia. I have been trying to track down the two items edited by W. R. Klemm noted on the first page of the Fox reprint. Nothing by Klemm exists under the titles noted -- either as books or serials. Have you any clues as to where to look further?

I am also tracking down a book by Fritz London on Superconductivity in which he is alleged to comment both on the long delay between the discovery of the phenomenon by Kammerlingh Onnes and the first experiments showing it by someone named Meisner (?) and on the fact that the Meisner experiment could have been done 15 years before.

Perhaps the time has come to inventory the cases we have on hand of alleged post matures. I will do so when I dig out from under current debris.

The Herriott letter is a remarkable document. Not only is his analysis of the Stent blindspot interesting and possibly correct but his vivid description of the events that day at CSH contained a bombshell for me. You never told me that Tatum was not present for your paper. The picture that Herriott paints is one of such innocence (the questions and the clipboard are what did it) and courage (truly a lion's den that was).. Not exactly the best atmosphere for encouraging the young -- and I'm not sure it was even so good for getting at the truth. Would it do any good to encourage Herriott to write up his memories of this? I would be glad to drop him a note if you think it worthwhile.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg

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The evening with Peter Medawar was a spectacular. He is as good in person as on paper (often not the case) and Jean (Lady M -- I somehow can't manage the latter) is a person of sensibility and courage. He has considerable trouble getting around and she somehow manages to smooth his way unobtrusively and even with humor. At any rate, he was greatly pleased by the Rockefeller decision. You might want to take a look at his newest MS (Advice to a Young Scientist) when it appears. He's just handed it over to his publisher - part of the Sloan series Bob was involved in. Perhaps we can arrange a repeat performance when you are here and when they come for a Sloan meeting.

Love to M.

Sincerely,



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Associate Professor

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PS Nothing yet from Horchans.
I'll pass it along when it
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